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SUBJ: DODER ARTICLE ON YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN ECPC

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1. EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SOURCING AND CONCLUSIONS OF ARTICLE WITH DODER. DODER IDENTIFIED HIS PRIMARY SOURCE AS HIGH-LEVEL GOVT (NOT PART) OFFICIAL, WHOM HE QUOTED AS SAYING, WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (ECPC), THAT "THE ANSWER WILL BE NO". QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THIS STATEMENT REFLECTED A DECISION BY THE LCY OR A SUPPOSITION ON THE PART OF THE OFFICIAL, DODER HEDGED, STATING HE HAD ALSO BASED HIS CONCLUSION THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE ON HIS READING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOLANC INTERVIEW.

2. DODER STATED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAD PRODUCED A DRAFT OF THE FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND SENT IT OUT TO CP'S FOR CONSIDERATION. QUOTE IN PARA 2 REFTEL APPARENTLY PRESUMES EXISTENCE OF COMPLETED DRAFT. DODER BELIEVES SOVIET PURPOSE FOR CALLING THE ECPC IS TO TELL THE CP'S WHAT CSCE MEANS. HE THEREFORE CONCLUDES THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS THAN A FINAL DOCUMENT OF BINDING OBLIGATIONS ON THE OTHER CP'S TO CARRY OUT SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF CSCE CONCLUSIONS. HE THUS SEES NO WAY FOR THE SOVIETS AND YUGOSLAVS TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER THE DOCUMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFO TO INDICATE THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE MADE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ECPC. IN INTERVIEW DOLANC SPEAKS OF PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE AS CONTINUING PROCESS AND CONCLUDES BY SAYING "WE SHALL CONTINUE TO COME FORWARD AND GIVE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO (CONFERENCES) PREPARATIONS IN THE FUTURE."

4. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WITH DODER WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO STATE FORTHRIGHTLY THAT TH HAS UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCES FOR THE ARTICLE IF THIS WERE THE CASE. ABSENT THAT, WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT HE HAS DRAWN WHAT HE CONSIDERS LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS FROM HIS OFFICIAL SOURCES, HIS READING OF DOLANC'S INTERVIEW, AND HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE.
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